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MARILYN DOROTHEA MURRET

News reporters Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott are authors of a syndicated newspaper column known as the "Allen-Scott Report." In their column March 26, 1964, in the "Northern Virginia Sun," they reported under the subtitle, "Hunt On For US Defectors." This column related the administration of President Johnson is launching one of the most intensive world-wide "man-hunts" in the past ten years ---- seeking to pinpoint the whereabouts of United States citizens who have defected to Russia or satellite countries since the end of World War II. The news column listed by name some of the "most wanted" defectors, and among those names was Marilyn Dorothea Murrett.

On interview April 23, 1964, Robert S. Allen advised a representative of this agency that the newspaper column referred to had been prepared by his associate, Paul Scott, and Allen referred all inquiry concerning it to Scott.

On interview April 28, 1964, Paul Scott advised a representative of this Bureau that his information concerning defectors had been obtained by him from two principal sources whom he declined to identify. He related that he did have some additional identifying information in his possession concerning Murrett; however, he could not furnish it until such time as he was able to "confirm" it through other means not disclosed.

With regard to Marilyn Dorothea Murrett, Scott stated he had some information to indicate a "tie-up" between her and the case of Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated the late President Kennedy, but Scott said his information was not confirmed; also he said he believed that Murrett was "linked" in some manner with the communist "apparatus" of Professor Harold Isaacs of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Scott said he was unable at this time to furnish any additional information in this vein; he stated he was working on the matter of obtaining additional substantive data.

Inquiry at the Passport Office, Department of State, disclosed a passport file on one Marilyn Dorothea Murret, and information noted therein would appear to be pertinent to this investigation. The passport data is set forth as follows:

Marilyn Dorothea Murret, born July 14, 1928, New Orleans, Louisiana, living at 3730 Lindell Boulevard, Saint Louis, Missouri, first was issued United States Passport Number 436517 on July 13, 1954, for proposed travel via air from New York City, July 24, 1954,

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to England, France, Germany and Holland, on a three-week vacation. At this time she listed her occupation as Reservations Agent, Braniff Airways. On her passport application July 7, 1954, in United States District Court, St. Louis, she showed her parents as Charles Ferdinand Murret, born March 7, 1950, at New Orleans, and Lillian Sophie Claverie, born May 17, 1900, in New Orleans, both presently (1954) living at 757 French Street, New Orleans. This application was accompanied by a certified copy of her birth certificate issued by the City of New Orleans Health Department. Witness on the application was Peter W. Wujcik, 320 Ballman Drive, Ferguson, Missouri.

On April 28, 1958, New Orleans Series Passport Number 769007 was issued to Marilyn Dorothea Murret, 757 French Street, New Orleans. On this application executed April 22, 1958, at the New Orleans Passport Agency, she showed her father, Charles Ferdinand Murret as having been born March 17, 1901, and mother, Lillian Claverie Murret as having been born May 18, 1901, both presently living in New Orleans. On this application she listed occupation as teacher, and showed she planned departure from New York City, June 5, 1958, via Sabena Airlines for purposes of vacation and to attend a summer session at the University of Madrid. She indicated she would visit Belgium, France and Spain for three months. In response to questions as to past or present membership in the Communist Party, she answered such questions in the negative.

On March 14, 1960, at the Office of the American Consul, Tokyo, Japan, Marilyn Dorothea Murret executed an application for renewal of Passport Number 769007. At this time she showed her local address as Kobinoto Hotel, and indicated the purpose of her foreign travel was that of tourist. On the same date, her passport was renewed until April 27, 1962.

On April 17, 1962, before the American Vice Consul, Karachi, Pakistan, Marilyn Dorothea Murret executed application for a new passport and on that date was issued Passport Number Z-120339, valid to April 16, 1965. She showed she was then residing in the Young Women's Christian Association; that her legal address was 757 French Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She also indicated she planned to return to the United States within seven months. Concerning her absences from the United States, she showed she had been in India for nine months dating from February, 1961; in Japan for six and one-half months dating from September, 1959; and in Karachi, Pakistan, since April 21, 1962.

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Passport application described Marilyn Dorothea Murret as a white female, five feet seven inches tall, with dark brown hair and brown eyes. Occupation was given as teacher. In event of death or accident, she requested notification to her mother, Mrs. Charles Murret, at 757 French Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.